

107TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2348

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 27, 2001

Mr. PASTOR (for himself, Mr. PALLONE, and Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Tohono O’odham Citi-
5 zenship Act of 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATURALIZATION FOR TOHONO O’ODHAM.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 2 of title III of the Immi-
3 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1421 et seq.) is
4 amended by inserting after section 322 the following:

5 “ENROLLED MEMBERS OF TOHONO O’ODHAM NATION

6 “SEC. 323. (a) GRANTING OF CITIZENSHIP.—A per-
7 son who is listed on the official membership roll of the
8 Tohono O’odham Nation, a federally recognized American
9 Indian nation located in Arizona, is a citizen of the United
10 States as of the date on which such listing occurs.

11 “(b) NO DERIVATIVE BENEFITS TO RELATIVES.—
12 Nothing in this section shall be construed as providing for
13 any benefit under this Act for any spouse, son, daughter,
14 or other relative of a person granted citizenship under this
15 section.”.

16 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
17 of the Immigration and Nationality Act is amended by in-
18 serting after the item relating to section 322 the following
19 new item:

“Sec. 323. Enrolled members of Tohono O’odham Nation.”.

20 **SEC. 3. TREATMENT OF TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP CREDEN-**
21 **TIAL.**

22 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the valid
23 membership credential issued to a person who is listed on
24 the official membership roll of the Tohono O’odham Na-
25 tion pursuant to the laws of the Tohono O’odham Nation

1 shall be considered, for all purposes subject to Federal
2 law, equivalent to—

3 (1) a certificate of citizenship issued under sec-
4 tion 341(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act
5 (8 U.S.C. 1452(a)) to persons who satisfy the re-
6 quirements of such section; and

7 (2) a State-issued birth certificate.

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